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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

Applicants submit herewith a copy of an English translation of a Japanese translation of a corresponding Chinese Office Action dated April 3, 2009.

All listed references cited therein¹ have been previously submitted to the USPTO in an Information Disclosure Statement filed November 29, 2005.

¹ 1. US 2003/001282 A1, published January 2, 2003;

2. WO 02/058134 A1, published July 25, 2002;

3. M. TADA., et al. "Barrier-metal-free (BMF), Cu Dual-damascene Interconnects with Cu-epi-contacts buried in Anti-diffusive, Low-k Organic film," 2001 Symposium on VLSI Technology Digest of Technical Papers, 12 June 2001, pp. 13-14;

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) should be remitted, along with a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), however because no new references are cited neither are submitted.

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